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NEWS BY U. S. WIRE DAILY

GOOD ROADS AWAKENING
NEEDED

It has been our observation that about 100 people will tell you that "we ought to get busy and do something about the roads" to one who will actually get out and do something. As far as we have noted nobody disputes the necessity for better highways but when a concrete effort is made to bring them about, few are ready to give their active co-operation and assistance. Man-Hood, little can be accomplished as long as this state of affairs exists. The road problem is one of much proportion, presenting vast difficulties and calling for the outlay of much energy and money, and its solution must therefore require a high degree of concentration of effort, plenty of enthusiasm and a willingness upon the part of all to keep eternally at it.

It has been decided to send some missionaries over the county the first week next with a view to getting the people together at a good roads meeting here in connection with the county fair next Saturday. We might as well exhort right here that as much of this missionary work is needed in Chickasha as is called for in any other place and perhaps more. There are some parts of Grady county, particularly Ponca, where the people are much more alive to the importance of this matter than they are in Chickasha. To make the proposed meeting a success we must have a general

awakening among the citizens of Chickasha. We cannot expect the rest of the county to respond to our call unless we demonstrate that we are in earnest about it. We can make this meeting amount to something if we will utilize the past few days in "boosting it" urging our own people to take part in it and endeavoring to bring out a large attendance from all parts of the county.

A number of our citizens who have been giving their attention to the matter have some suggestions that will be placed before the meeting next week with a view to getting effective action of the kind needed to further the good roads movement. As we understand it, the idea is for the people of the county to consult together on ways and means, agree upon plans and then start out as a unit for the accomplishment of their purposes. There has been plenty of talk; the problem now is to crystallize our conversation into results in the shape of genuine good roads. Grady county has neither the worst nor the best roads in the state, but her battle average is far below what it should be. There is no better time than right now to remedy this condition and we can do it if we are ready to grieve up and go after it like good fellows. Remember the meeting next Saturday, talk it up among your neighbors and friends in the county and make up your mind to be there to contribute your part to the success of the movement that is being undertaken.

A "FEW LINES" FROM GIFFORD

Gifford Pinchot, the former forester and one of the first chieftains among the late Armageddon warriors, has taken occasion to "drop in a few lines" to let us know how he is going to vote in November. To be more explicit, he has taken about four typewritten pages to tell us why he can't support Wilson but will cast his ballot for the candidate of the party which Col. Roosevelt declared to be unspeakably rotten.

In the main it is sufficient to state, the indictment against Wilson by Mr. Pinchot is identical with the one drawn by Col. Roosevelt in much more lurid language and therefore it isn't necessary to take up the various counts in detail, the public being familiar with that line of "dope." We shall quote only the paragraph in which he sets forth what he terms the "worse of all" the same being as follows:

"When every principle of freedom and equality for which our fathers fought was at stake in the great war, when our whole country eagerly awaited the leadership of the president, Wilson dodged. He refused to take sides on the greatest moral issue of our time. He advised our people to be 'neutral even in thought,' undecided neither right nor wrong. While our friends abroad were fighting for the principles we held equally with them, he taught us that profits and ease were better than self-respect. President Wilson has done our nation the most serious injury that any leader can do to any people by making us flinch from him from a great moral decision. Thereby he weakened our hold as a nation on the principles which alone can make any people self-respecting, safe and strong."

You will discover at a glance that the bomb which Mr. Gifford Pinchot has encased in the foregoing language is a very destructive one, well calculated to blow the Wilson administration into smithereens. It is indeed a grave allegation that he makes when he says the president "has done our nation the most serious injury that any leader can do to any people by making us flinch from a great moral decision." Having had their attention called to the matter, there is no doubt that the people of this country will rise up in righteous indignation against Wilson for not plunging the nation into the maelstrom

of war. Being at a blood-thirsty nature, the folks of America must see at once that Wilson robbed them of a golden opportunity for glory and glory when he adopted the policy of neutrality, refusing to take sides on the greatest moral issue of our times." Of course, Mr. Pinchot doesn't openly urge that we should have entered the war but that is the implication of his criticism when carried to its logical conclusion.

If this is really the "worst of all" snared the administration, Wilson should worry. It was war that the people of America wanted, not peace. If we are to accept the view of Mr. Pinchot, and we ought to take Wilson to a clearing in November because he denied to our people the opportunity to cast in the bloody tragedy, sacrificing their lives and pouring out their treasure in their effort to settle the great "moral issue" that is being argued with arms across the water.

After hearing about what man Carter did, we have about decided to quit work and go to raising sweet potatoes. Great is Grady country.

But we would have to be millionaires nowadays if we practiced the old-time custom of burying bushels of potatoes and apples in the ground for winter.

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